

Ontario Cancer News



Cancer Care Ontario has re-launched its French website

Cancer Care Ontario's French website has been updated and refreshed to reflect the CCO English site. The result is a French site that better reflects Cancer Care Ontario and speaks directly to our francophone users.

You will continue to see improvements in the quality and usability of information on both our English and French websites as we develop new features and functionality. Our new governance and operations structure will help to ensure that the content remains fresh, accurate and relevant in both languages.

- Visit the new [CCO French website](#)



Save the date to celebrate the life and legacy of Sheela Basrur

The family and friends of Dr. Sheela Basrur and the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, would like to notify you of two special events that will be taking place this fall to celebrate her life and legacy:

- October 17, 2008: A public celebration of the life of Sheela Basrur at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, from 4-5 p.m.
- November 27, 2008: An evening fundraising reception at the Carlu to raise support and awareness of the public health outreach program to be created at the Sheela Basrur Centre.

Information on these events and how to make a donation to the Sheela Basrur Centre will be posted shortly on the www.sheelabasrurcentre.ca website.



PET Scan Primer

Cancer Care Ontario and the Ontario Health Technology Assessment Committee have released a primer on the status of positron emission tomography (PET) evaluation activities in Ontario which also looks at Ontario's evidence-based approach to PET scanning.

- Read the [PET Scan Primer](#) for more information



CCO's Regional Systemic Treatment Program acknowledged for outstanding clinical practice and education

The 15th International Conference on Cancer Nursing recognized Cancer Care Ontario's Regional Systemic Treatment Program for outstanding achievement in clinical practice and education.

Esther Green, Provincial Head, Nursing and Psychosocial Oncology, gave the award-winning presentation in Singapore in August.

[View the award winning poster](#), *Partnerships in Developing Regional Standards for Organization and Delivery of Ambulatory System Therapy*.

People news



Dr. Mamdouh Shoukri has joined Cancer Care Ontario as a member of the Board. Dr. Shoukri is the President and Vice-Chancellor of York University. He has extensive experience in research activities including technology transfer and economic development at the local, national and international levels. Dr. Shoukri is a member of the Ontario Research and Innovation Council (ORIC) – a council appointed by the Premier of Ontario in July 2006 to advise the government on its innovation strategy for the province. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE).

Dr. Shoukri is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering and the Canadian Society of Mechanical Engineering. His professional memberships include the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, the Canadian Nuclear Society, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Alan Hudson will be taking on the role as Chair of the new provincial E-Health Ontario board. This new entity is a restructured agency responsible for e-Health in Ontario and the creation of the electronic patient record for Ontarians. Other individuals named to the board include David Livingston, CEO of Infrastructure Ontario, Matt Anderson, CEO of the Toronto Central LHIN, Heather Sherrard, VP of Clinical Services at the Ottawa Heart Institute, Ken Deane, ADM, Health System Accountability and Performance, MOHLTC. The initial priorities for the new entity include the creation of a Diabetes Registry, an e-Health Portal to centralize health information with web access, and e-Prescribing which will eliminate hand written prescriptions and reduce medication error. The long-term goal is to create an e-Health record for all Ontarians by 2015. Alan Hudson will continue to remain active in his role as Lead for Access and Wait Times with the Ministry.

Janine Hopkins, Cancer Care Ontario's Vice-President of Public Affairs, has taken on a new role as the Senior Director of Community Engagement and Corporate Affairs with the Toronto LHIN, beginning mid-October, 2008. In her new role Janine will broaden her skills to include community engagement and outreach to the key organizations in the Toronto region who make up the front line of healthcare in Ontario. During Janine's watch CCO has strengthened relationships with government, increased media coverage for CCO and our key initiatives, built a strong, new web presence for CCO and refreshed and strengthened the CCO brand, including a new strategy in motion to create websites for each of Regional Cancer Program to better inform patients, the public and providers about regional cancer services. Janine has built a solid team including most recently the new web talent.

Helen Angus, Cancer Care Ontario's Vice-President of Planning and Strategic Implementation, has taken on a new role as Vice-President research and analysis at the CIHI beginning December, 2008. Helen has played numerous roles in her seven years at CCO beginning with the production of Cancer 2020. She built a strong organization-wide approach to the planning cycle and evaluation, a capable analytics and forecasting team, an innovation focus for CCO, and a quality council team. She has stepped to help on numerous complex corporate wide projects and has carried the lead on successful development and implementation of the Ontario Cancer Plan, the Cancer System Quality Index, and the palliative care integration project among others.

Marnie MacKinnon has been appointed Director for the Prevention and Screening Policy Unit. Marnie brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role with an extensive leadership profile. She has been most recently leading the development and implementation of the ColonCancerCheck Program as Project Director. Marnie's background includes experience in a variety of roles at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and work as an independent consultant with the Ontario Drug Benefit Program, Ontario Women's Health Council and the Women's College Hospital and Sunnybrook De-Merger Project.

Danielle Claus has been appointed as Director, Prevention and Screening Policy at Cancer Care Ontario starting September 29, 2008. In her role Danielle will provide leadership for this portfolio for the duration of Marnie MacKinnon's maternity leave. Danielle will play a primary role in the continuing implementation of the ColonCancerCheck program, and provide leadership to the government and clinical stakeholder engagement issues for the Prevention and Screening Department.

Danielle has worked in Ontario's healthcare system since completing a Masters of Public Administration degree at Queen's University in 1996. She has worked with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on several projects, including the planning and implementation of alternative funding plan agreements for Ontario's Academic Health Sciences Centres, as well as the establishment of Anesthesia Care Team Demonstration Sites at several hospitals across the province. Most recently, Danielle has been working on the launch of the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion. During her career, Danielle has fostered collaborative working relationships with healthcare providers, consumers, the government and other stakeholder groups, including the Ontario Medical Association.

Kelly Grover has been appointed Director for the Prevention and Screening Education Unit. In her previous role at CCO, Kelly acted as the Director, Knowledge Transfer and Exchange. Kelly's background includes numerous senior roles in the knowledge development and translation area with the Institute for Work and Health, the Nova Scotia Department of Health, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Planned Parenthood. Kelly has also worked on the educational strategies for ColonCancerCheck, and other related initiatives.

Dr. John Garcia has been appointed as Director, Population Health role in the Prevention and Screening Department at Cancer Care Ontario. Dr. Garcia is well known for his work in chronic disease prevention, including population-based cancer prevention, in Canada and the United States. Most recently, he has represented CCO as Director of Knowledge Exchange and Systems Evaluation within the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit partnership. He has served as a senior manager in the Ontario Public Service on two occasions, being the first Director responsible for the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Branch (now in the Ministry of Health Promotion), and previously was the Director of Health Promotion with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Dr. Garcia was also CCO's first Director responsible for primary prevention. He is

known for his work in tobacco control, healthy public policy, health promotion capacity building, and knowledge exchange in public, private and non-governmental sectors. He recently completed a PhD at the University of Waterloo with a focus on evidence-informed tobacco control practice in Ontario public health agencies.

Dr. Garcia will continue as a principal investigator with OTRU. He will transition to his role in Prevention and Screening during the month of October, and will at that time assume leadership for the Population Health Unit which includes the Program Training and Consultation Centre and the Aboriginal Tobacco Strategy team.

Remembering our past



Dr. Ivan Hamilton Smith was, for many years, Director of the London Cancer Clinic and Chair of the Department of Therapeutic Radiology at the University of Western Ontario. As an academic he supported and participated in the development of research programs and had a major interest in cancer education.

He is best remembered as a pioneer and an authority on the use of cobalt-60 in treating patients with cancer. He had the distinction of treating the first patient in the world with the "cobalt bomb" in the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation's (OCTRF) London Clinic on October 27, 1951. (The OCTRF became Cancer Care Ontario in 1997).

Dr. Smith died at the height of his career in 1962. In his memory, the Ivan Smith Summer Scholarships (later renamed Summer Studentships) were established to support medical students to gain hands-on experience in oncology. Today, many Ivan Smith Summer Studentship recipients are practicing in various cancer treatment and research disciplines. The studentships have been and continue to be a great investment for the future of oncology.

Ontario Cancer Fact

Modifiable cancer risk factors among off-reserve Aboriginal Ontarians



An estimated 242,500 people of Aboriginal origin lived in Ontario in 2006, with 158,400 who identified as First Nations people, 73,600 as Métis and 2,040 as Inuit (2006 census, unadjusted for undercount). Over 80% of Aboriginal peoples in Ontario do not live on a reserve. Although Aboriginal peoples are less likely to be diagnosed with or die from cancer, the incidence rates for lung and colorectal cancer in Ontario First Nations people are rising, approaching or exceeding those in the general population.

- Read [September's Ontario Cancer Fact](#)

To subscribe to Ontario Cancer Facts, visit <https://webcon.cancercare.on.ca/CCONews/>.

Cancer 2020 eScoop



Cancer 2020 e-Scoop is a monthly bulletin from Cancer Care Ontario's Division of Preventive Oncology, consisting of regional and provincial news, initiatives, events and resources relevant to those working in cancer prevention and screening.

- Read the September issue of [Cancer 2020 eScoop](#)

Upcoming events



The Gairdner Foundation's 8th Annual Public Lecture

October 21, 2008

Toronto, Ontario

This 8th annual public lecture: "HPV:Vaccinating against cancer" is sponsored by the Women's College Hospital.

For more information, [view the event flyer](#).

OHA Health Achieve - Inspiring Ideas and Innovation 2008

November 3-5, 2008

Toronto, Ontario

Join Cancer Care Ontario at the Ontario Hospital Association's annual conference and exhibition. CCO will be hosting a session on November 4th from 2 - 5 p.m. entitled *Reorganization of Cancer Services: how Ontario hospitals are organizing and innovating to deliver better cancer care*.

- For more information, or to register go to the [OHA website](#).

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